



## *Maryland Attorney General's* **COVID-19 Access to Justice Task Force**

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Meeting Date: June 30, 2020

Meeting Time: 1-2pm

### **1. Open Meetings Act Discussion**

### **2. Overview of Committee Approach and Composition**

Discuss three-phased approach to our mission

- Phase 1: Addressing Evictions, Rental Assistance, Tax Sales and Cumulative Late Fees
- Phase 2: Addressing the Courts Process and Access to Legal Assistance (dockets, ADR, relief programs, legal assistance – pro bono, low bono, lawyer in the lobby)
- Phase 3: Preparing Legislative Recommendations for longer term relief and needed policy changes

Suggestions on additional members?

- Will email to co-chairs

### **3. Mission Statement, Vision, Values, and Scope Discussion**

- Drafted Mission Statement: “To keep Marylanders housed, safe, and secure by ensuring access to the civil legal process, providing avenues to legal assistance and proposing new policies to address novel issues presented in the wake of COVID-19.”
- “Keep Marylanders housed” -- alter language
- Discussion of including a public health stance?
  - i. Homelessness & connection to housing
  - ii. Substance abuse disorders & connection to housing
  - iii. COVID is a public health crisis!

### **4. Upcoming deadlines and identification of deliverables**

- Split time and talents
  - i. Creation of subcommittees based on different issues
- Identify deliverables for each phase in the coming meetings
  - i. Identify key deliverables – what ideas do people have, what needs are already identified, what target audiences are we focused on for each phase and need, and then what is the final deliverable.

**5. Set time for upcoming meetings and adjourn**

**6. Follow ups/To-do:**

- Create Mission statement document for all to collaborate on
- Email out comments spreadsheet
- Upcoming weekly standing meetings
  - i. Co-chairs will circulate a Doodle